(*a*) Anglo-Indians ;

(*b*) Jews ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar : (*a*) 1 (Rs. 25—40).

(*b*) 2 (Rs. 20 and Rs. 17).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the hon'ble member, Sir, kindly inform the House about the number from the other classified groups ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: I have no information ready at hand. I think the Gazettes will show that.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE STAFF SELECTION BOARD— COMMUNITY-WAR CLASSIFICATION OF.

86. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of applications for appointments received and registered by the Staff Selection Board till now ;

(*b*) the number from each classified group (community)?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar : (*a*) 3,076.

(*b*)

Ezhuva	....	450
Romo Syrian	....	384
Nayar	....	907
Muslim	....	77
Other Hindu	....	312
Tamil Brahmin	....	181
Other Hindu (Backward or Depressed)	....	274
Latin Catholic	....	176
Pulaya	....	14
Other Christian	....	269
Jew	....	12
Anglo-Indian	....	20

AMBALLUR LABOURERS' STRIKE.

87. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of a labour-strike which existed in the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., Amballur, in Mithunam 1113 ;

(*b*) whether they have made any inquiries as to the causes of the strike ;

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(*c*) if answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what were they;

(*d*) whether the Government have done anything to put an end to the strike?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No clear and definite causes were forthcoming in the beginning though ultimately it was understood to be one mainly for the increase of wages.

(*d*) Nothing was done by Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Has the Government no power under the existing laws to interfere in such disputes between labourers and employees?

Mr. President: Government won't be prepared to express legal opinions at this stage.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Has not the Trades Disputes Act brought into force here?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, whether the matter has been finally settled between the mill authorities and the labourers?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: May I know, Sir, whether there is any fixity as to the number of Cochinites that have to be employed in the mills, any agreement with regard to the proportion of Cochinites to be employed in the Cochin Textiles?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: May I know, Sir, whether it is open to the mill authorities not to employ Cochinites?

Mr. President: Has the hon'ble member got any information that they are not employing Cochinites?

Mr. M. K. Devassy: I would like to know whether the Cochin Textiles are employing Cochinites?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: And whether there is any proportion fixed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni: May I know whether there is any discrimination made between the Tamilian coolies and the coolies

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from Cochin State? Is there any complaint with regard to this matter?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No discrimination is made.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni: Was there not a complaint that discrimination was being made?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: That was the notion entertained by some of the labourers.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni: Has the Government looked into this matter before answering the question?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Yes.

Mr. A. L. Antony: May I know Sir, whether nothing was done by the Government in the matter? Is it because they thought that there was no power for them to interfere?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: They did not interfere.

Mr. A. L. Antony: Are they empowered to interfere in the matter?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: That question did not arise.

Dr. A. R. Menon: Is there any arbitration board set up by the Government to settle matters of this kind?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Is there not a Trades Disputes Act in force here?

Mr. President: We have got provision for all these things in the Trades Disputes Act. When there are disputes of such great magnitude as to warrant the appointment of arbitration boards and all that, there are provisions in the Act to set up such machinery.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni: May I know, how was this strike settled?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: 5 per cent increase in wages was given to the workmen.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Was there actually any strike?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Some workmen struck work.

88. **Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there were any strike of workers in the Cochin Textiles, Ltd.;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the positive, the reasons for the same?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (*a*) Yes. Some of the coolies did not go for work for a few days.

(*b*) Some of the coolies absented themselves for two days demanding increased wages. They were dismissed and were not reinstated when they sought re-admission. On this ground and mainly to secure an increase in wages the employees struck work.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, whether those who were dismissed were reinstated?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know whether there is any difference in wages between Cochinites working in the Mills at Amballur and the Sitaram Mills?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: We have no information.

POST-MORTEM SHED TO THE GOVERNMENT DISPENSARY AT MULANTHURUTHY.

89. **Mr. T. P. Poulose:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Honorary Visitors, Government Dispensary, Mulanthuruthy, have brought to the notice of the Government the necessity of a post-mortem shed for that dispensary;

(*b*) whether the Government sanctioned the construction of a post-mortem shed for the said dispensary;

(*c*) whether the Government have taken the construction in hand; if not, why not?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It has been sanctioned. It will be taken up according to the availability of funds.

(*c*) No. See answer to (*b*).

Mr. T. P. Poulose: May I know, Sir, when was the order sanctioning the work passed?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Somewhere last year.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: May I know, Sir, whether there is provision made for this work in 1114?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: No.

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